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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following amendment accompanies the Divisional Patent Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/954,936. Examination of this divisional application, based upon the following amendment, is requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 31-50.